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Fairfax County Sponsors Public Forum for Cub Run and Bull Run Watersheds

On Tuesday, June 8, from 7 to 9 p.m., Fairfax County will host a community issues scoping forum to obtain citizen input on issues to be addressed in the watershed management plan being developed for Cub Run and Bull Run Watersheds. The forum will be held in the cafeteria of Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly. Participants will have a hands-on opportunity to discuss issues concerning their neighborhood streams, water quality, drainage problems, flooding and other environmental concerns. An overview of the watershed planning process will be provided to demonstrate how these issues will help shape a plan to restore and protect streams in the Cub Run and Bull Run Watersheds. In addition, participants will learn how they can get involved to help protect their local stream, which flows to the Chesapeake Bay and the Occoquan Reservoir, the drinking water supply for over a million Northern Virginia residents.

Recognizing the need to protect the living environment while planning for the orderly development of the county and to complement efforts such as the Chesapeake Bay Agreement, Fairfax County is developing comprehensive watershed management plans for each of the county's 30 watersheds. The Cub Run and Bull Run watersheds management plan will provide a consistent basis for evaluating problems and implementing solutions. The goal is to protect and restore the stream valleys and related natural resources to help enhance the quality of life in our community.

A watershed is an area of land that drains to a given water body such as a stream, pond, reservoir or bay. Cub Run and Bull Run watersheds are located on the western edge of Fairfax County. The watershed known as Bull Run is made up of numerous small, unnamed streams that drain directly into Bull Run. The Cub Run watershed originates in Loudoun County near Washington-Dulles International Airport, with its major tributaries, including Big Rocky Run, Ellick Run, Flatlick Branch and Schneider Branch, extending into portions of Centreville, Chantilly, Fair Lakes, Sully Station and Westfields before eventually emptying into Bull Run at Bull Run Regional Park. Bull Run then flows into the Occoquan Reservoir.

Families, developers, business owners, neighbors and everyone who lives or works in these watersheds is encouraged to attend the meeting. Advanced registration is not required, but is requested to ensure that adequate space is available. To register, please send an e-mail to Chuck Moore of Camp

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Dresser and McKee at mooreci@cdm.com or 703-642-5500, TTY 711. The county has retained the services of Camp Dresser and McKee to assist in the development of the Cub Run and Bull Run Watersheds Management Plan.

The watershed planning effort is administered by the Stormwater Planning Division of the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. For additional information, contact Fred Rose, P.E., chief, Watershed Planning and Assessment Branch or Matt Meyers, project manager, at 703-324-5500, TTY 711. Information about the county's Watershed Management Planning Program and how to get involved can also be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/watersheds.

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